



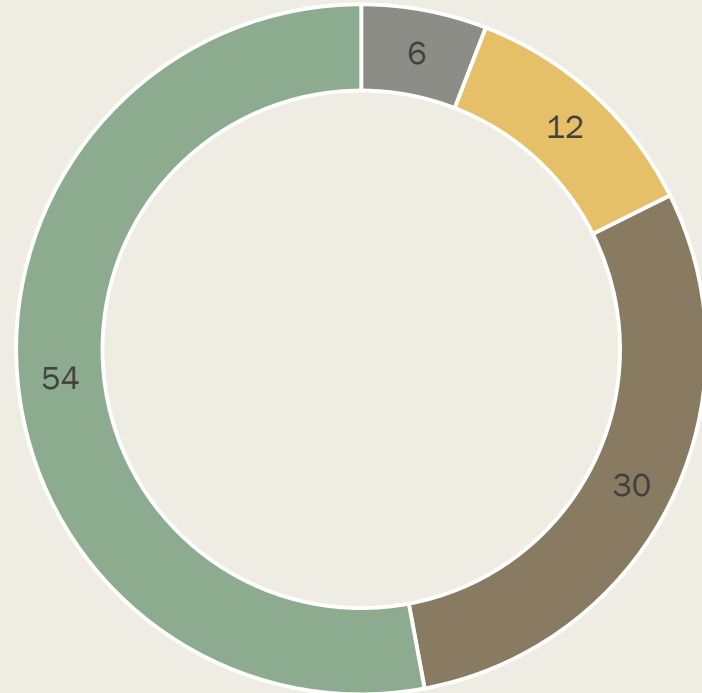
IMAGINE MANISTEE

SURVEY RESULTS



Age

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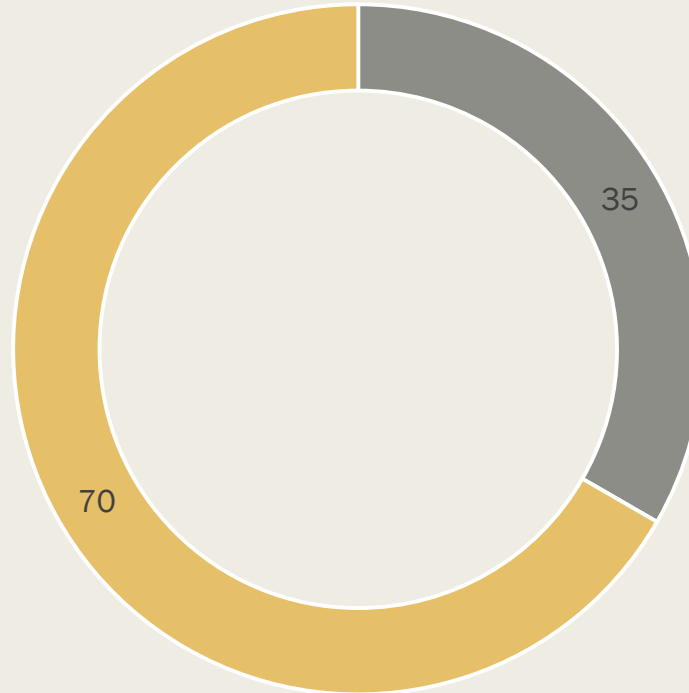


■ 16-25 ■ 26-35 ■ 36-50 ■ 50+



Gender

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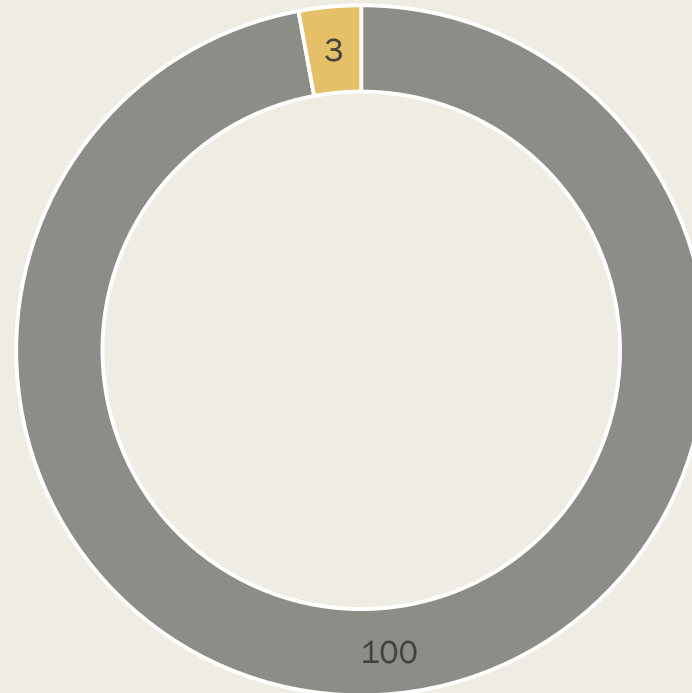


■ Male ■ Female



Resident Status

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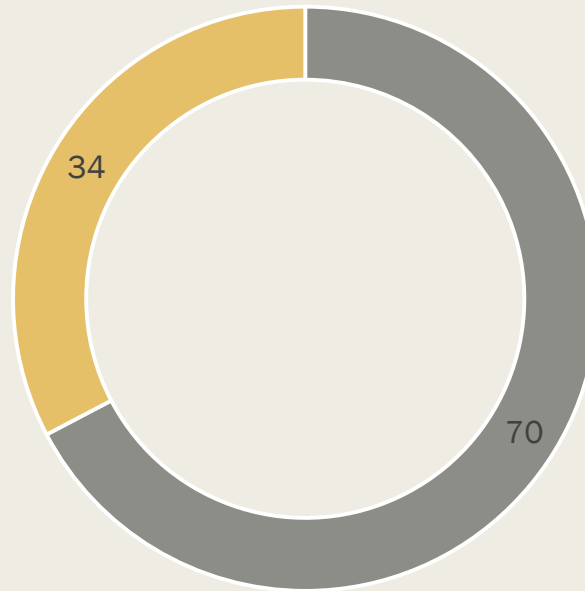


■ Full Time ■ Seasonal



Resident Of The City Of Manistee

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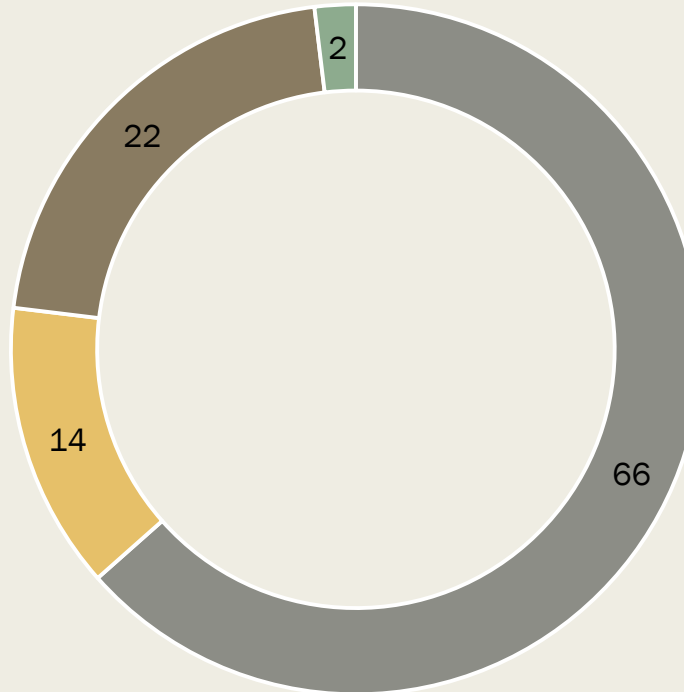


■ Yes ■ No



Employment Status

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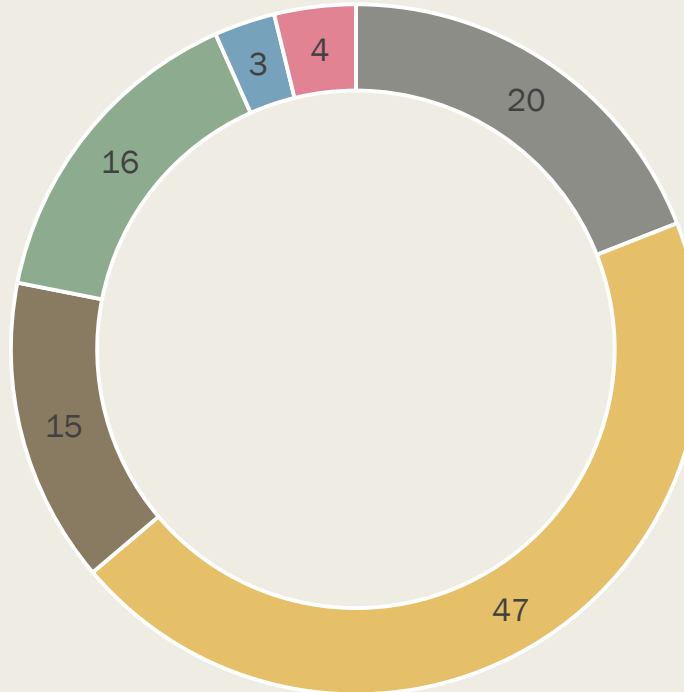


■ Full Time ■ Part Time ■ Retired ■ None



Total In Household

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■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5 ■ 6+



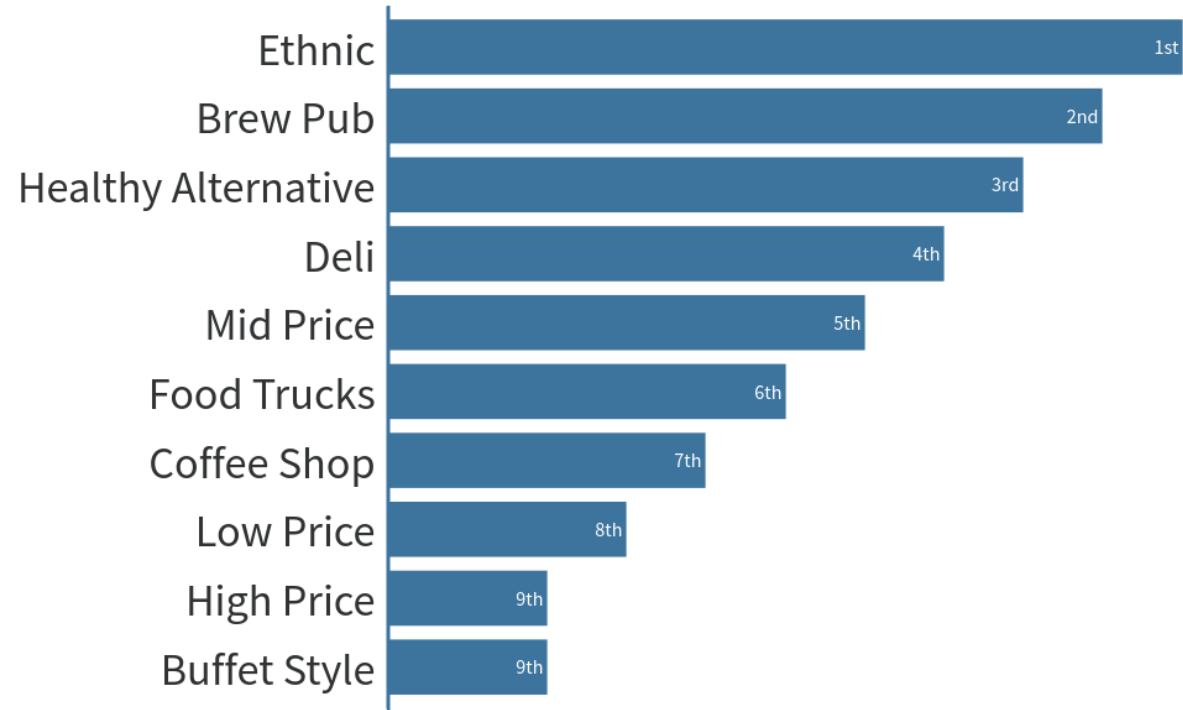
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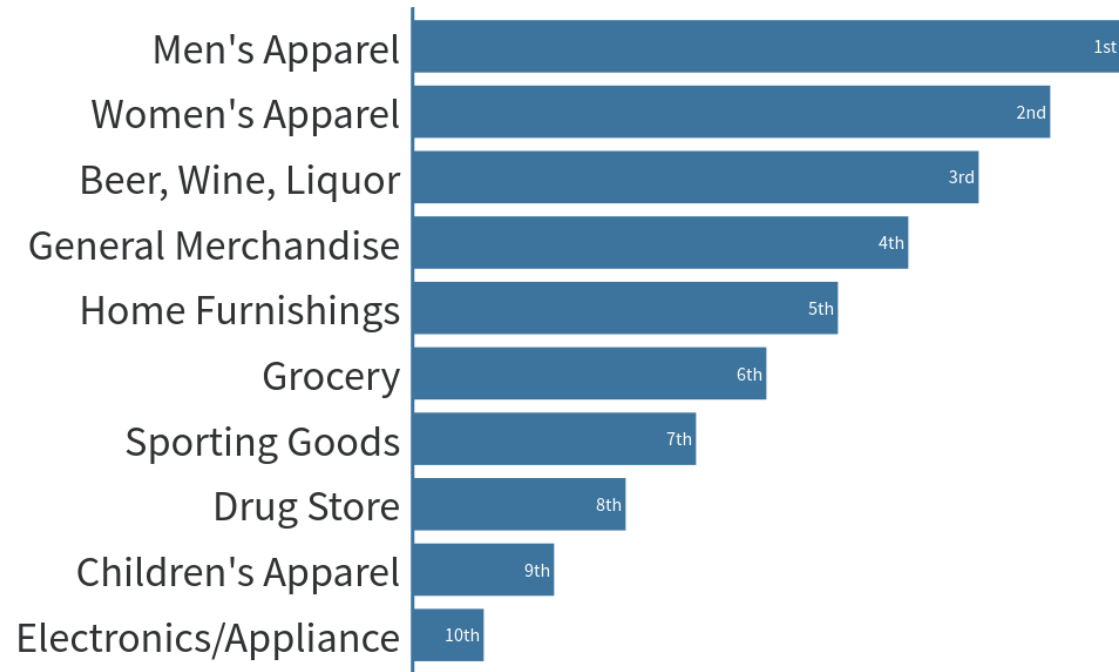
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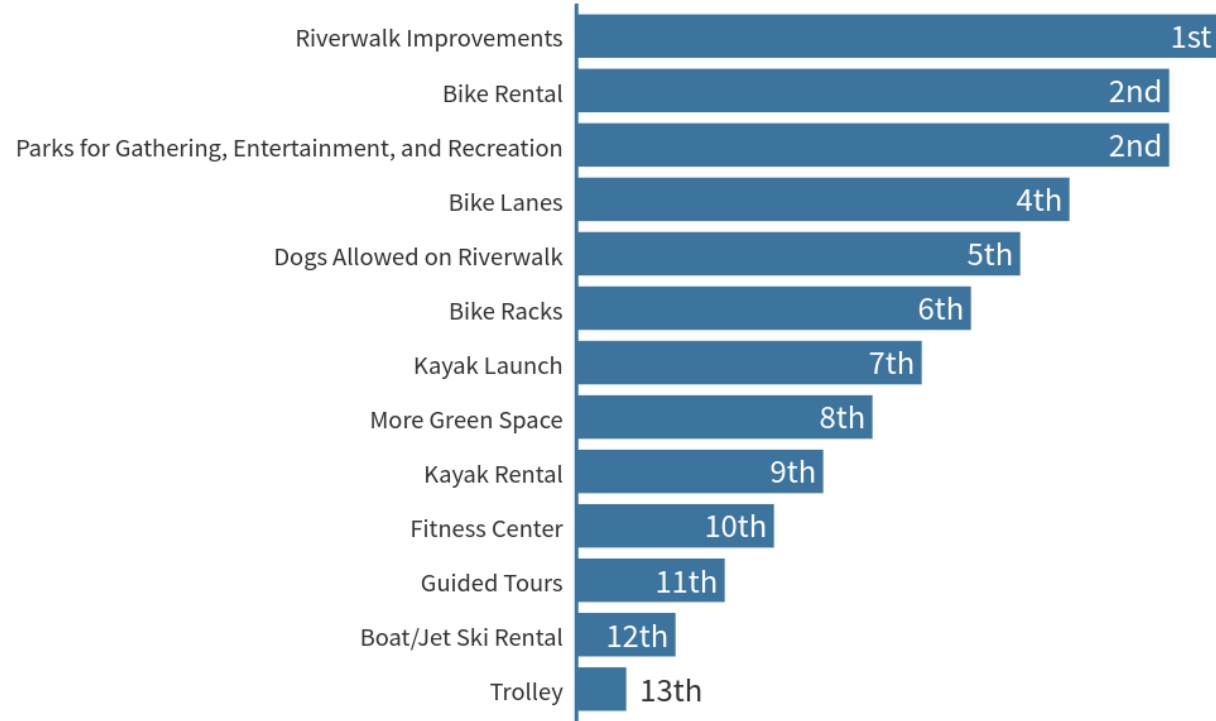
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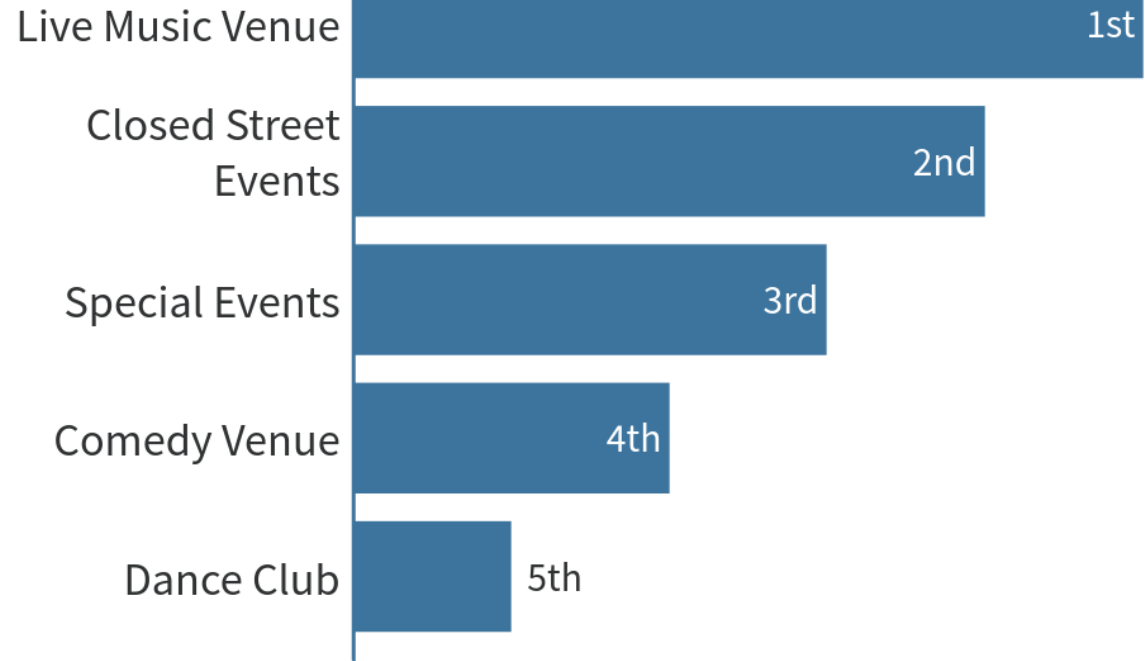
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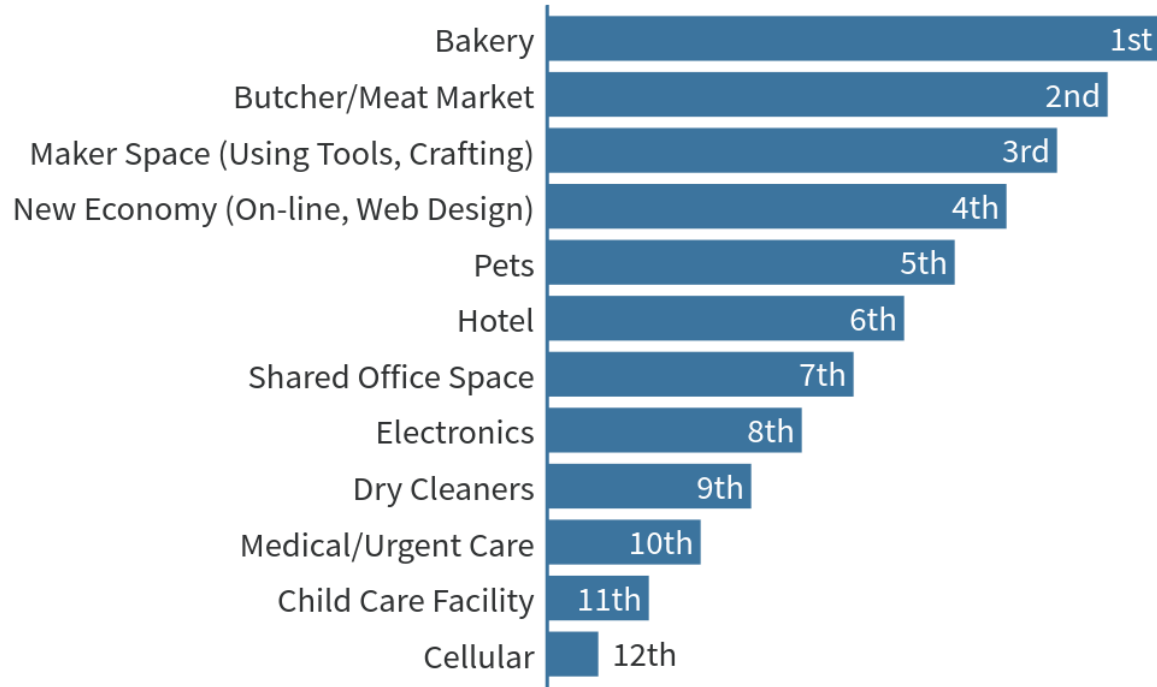


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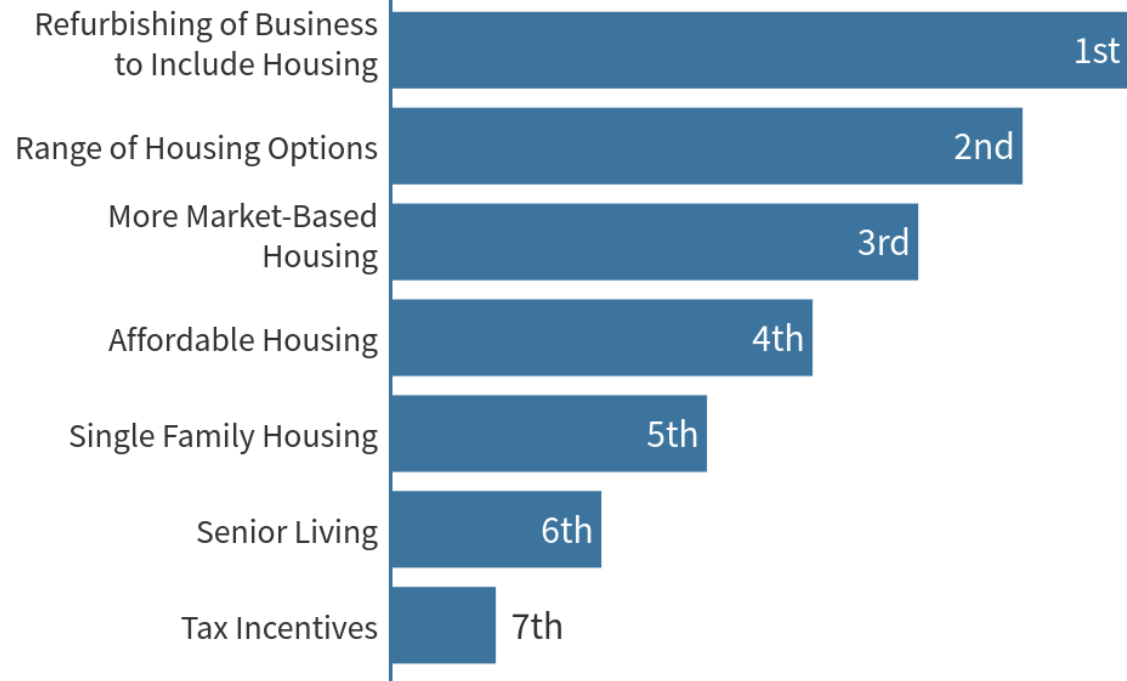
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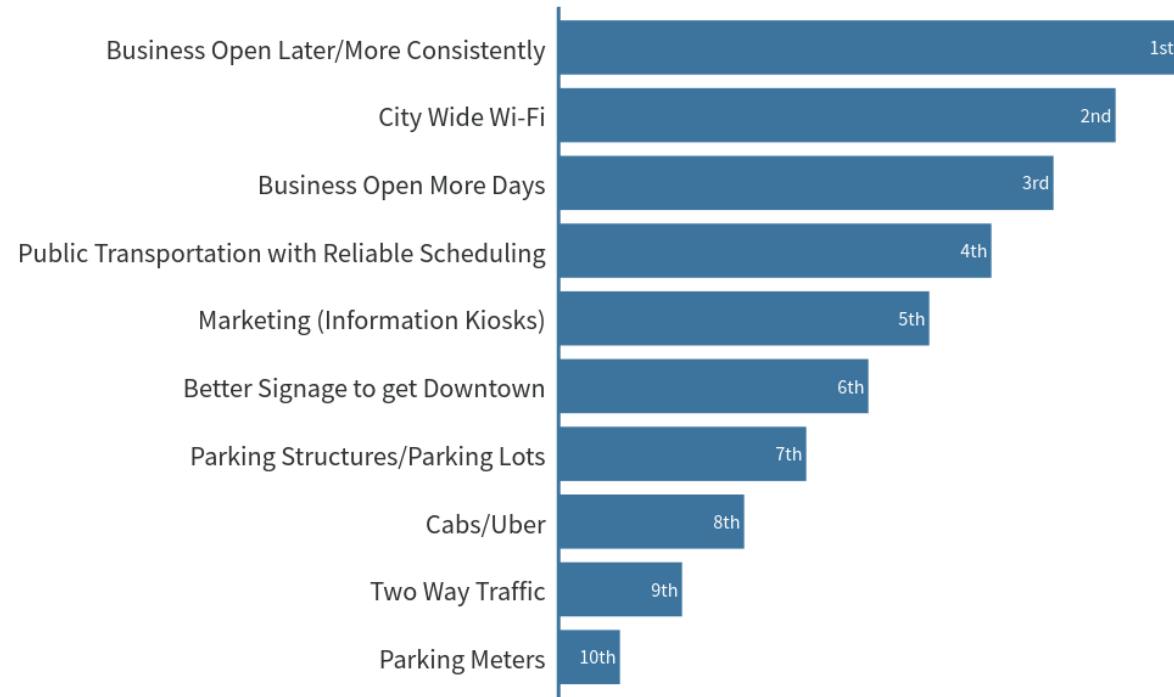
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